

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A slide lock assembly for an outdoor pedestal closure comprising:

a base connected to a dome of said pedestal closure, said base having a channel formed therein and an outer surface configured to prevent snagging cables when the cables are installed in the pedestal closure;

a slider mounted in said channel of said base and movable along said channel between an extended position and a retracted position;

a rotator mounted to said base and connected to said slider for moving said slider to its retracted position ~~upon rotation of about 90 degrees;~~

drainage ports in communication with said channel; and

a biasing element mounted between said base and said slider for pushing said slider to said extended position.

2. (currently amended) The assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein: said slider includes a cam follower wall and a cam follower surface for engaging said rotator.

3. (original) The assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein: said rotator includes a body and an arm, said arm for acting as a cam when said body is rotated.

4. (canceled)

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein:
said base outer surface includes a smooth, slanted ~~outer~~ surface.

7. (canceled)

8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)

10. (canceled)

11. (canceled)

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

14. (original) The assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein:
said base includes an opening for receiving said rotator and a side wall; and said
slider includes an elongated slot for receiving said rotator and an abutment wall.

15. (original) The assembly as claimed in claim 14 including:
a cover, said cover having an opening for said rotator.

16. (currently amended) The assembly as claimed in claim 15 wherein:
said cover includes a snap arm for engaging said base; and said base includes a
snap arm receiving opening ~~and structure for engaging said snap arm.~~

17. (canceled)

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) The assembly as claimed in claim 168 wherein:
said biasing element is a compression spring mounted between said side wall of
said base and said abutment wall of said slider.

20. (canceled)

21. (canceled)

22. (canceled)

23. (canceled)

24. (new) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the outer surface is free of sharp
edges.

25. (new) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the outer surface includes a plurality
of slanted surfaces.

26. (new) The assembly of claim 25 wherein the plurality of slanted surfaces
includes an upper surface and a lower surface.

27. (new) The assembly of claim 26 wherein the plurality of slanted surfaces
further includes at least two side walls.

28. (new) The assembly of claim 27 wherein the outer surface further includes
at least one rounded intersection.

29. (new) The assembly of claim 28 wherein the outer surface further includes
at least one rounded corner.

30. (new) A pedestal closure assembly comprising:

a dome having a lower portion, a base, and a lock, wherein the lock is positioned adjacent cables when the cables are installed in the pedestal enclosure, wherein the dome is configured to slide onto the base and wherein the lock is configured to prevent snagging the cables when the cables are installed in the pedestal closure.

31. (new) The pedestal closure of claim 30 wherein the lock includes an outer surface, and the outer surface is configured to prevent snagging cables when the cables are installed in the pedestal closure.

32. (new) The pedestal closure of claim 31 wherein the outer surface is free of sharp edges.

33. (new) The pedestal closure of claim 31 wherein the outer surface includes a plurality of slanted surfaces.

34. (new) The pedestal closure of claim 33 wherein the plurality of slanted surfaces includes an upper surface and a lower surface.

35. (new) The pedestal closure of claim 34 wherein the plurality of slanted surfaces further includes at least two side walls.

36. (new) The pedestal closure of claim 35 wherein the outer surface further includes at least one rounded intersection.

37. (new) The pedestal closure of claim 36 wherein the outer surface further includes at least one rounded corner.

38. (new) The pedestal closure of claim 30 wherein the lock does not have a protruding hook.